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Enforcement Action

Anderson Donan

The Board for Geologists and Geophysicists issued a citation and fine of \$2,000.00 to Anderson Donan. The citation was issued to Anderson Donan for unlicensed professional practice during conduct of a property transfer environmental site assessment of a property in San Diego County, California (Bus. & Prof. Code § 7872(a)). Mr. Donan signed a site assessment letter report entitled "Letter responding to the Buyer's Consultants Dated April 18, 2000", dated August 30, 2000, which was provided to the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health staff without the required certified licensee signature or seal.

Environmental site assessment report submittal requirements are specified in the San Diego County Site Assessment and Mitigation Program Manual (SAM Manual). SAM Manual specifically states "interpretation of subsurface processes affecting contaminant migration, contaminant transformation and interpretations of geologic and hydrogeologic conditions need to be reviewed and signed by a registered professional in the field of geology" (SAM Manual, page 6-36). Consequently, the aforementioned letter report constitutes the professional practice of geology.

In accordance with section 125.9(d) of the Business and Professions Code which specifies that payment of the fine does not constitute admission of the violation charged and represents satisfactory resolution of the matter, Anderson Donan agreed to pay the fine and the case was closed on October 25, 2002.